
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE
CREATION OF A STRUCTURAL LICENSING BOARD.

1 WHEREAS, worker and public safety are unduly put at
2 jeopardy when a contractor is allowed to employ unqualified
3 workers to install and erect structural steel; and
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5 WHEREAS, current contractor licensing laws are insufficient
6 to ensure the safety of workers who install and erect structural
7 steel and allow contractors to jeopardize worker safety by
8 employing workers who are not qualified to install and erect
9 structural steel; and
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11 WHEREAS, installing and erecting structural steel is one of
12 the most dangerous jobs in the United States and is often
13 performed at great heights, where a fall on the job can lead to
14 fatalities or serious injuries or both; and
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16 WHEREAS, installing and erecting structural steel is an
17 incredibly demanding job that requires specialized skills to
18 handle heavy steel; and
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20 WHEREAS, appropriate worker and supervisor training and
21 experience are necessary to ensure a safe work environment for
22 the installation and erection of structural steel; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Contractors License Board is not set up to
25 specifically address the specialized licensing needs and
26 concerns that involve structural steel erection; and
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28 WHEREAS, it is unreasonable to expect a board of thirteen
29 volunteers that comprise the Contractors License Board, none of
30 whom currently possess the qualifications to erect structural
31 steel, to be well versed in the very specific requirements of
32 installation and erection of structural steel; and



1 WHEREAS, there are four license classifications under the
2 purview of the Contractors License Board that critically involve
3 the specialty expertise of a Structural Steel Worker, namely C-
4 38 Post tensioning, C-41 Reinforcing steel, C-48 Structural
5 steel, and C-56 Welding, which should be regulated under a
6 specialized Structural Licensing Board that is responsive to the
7 needs of this specialized work; and

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9 WHEREAS, the public's health, safety, and welfare is unduly
10 put at risk given the lack of a Structural Licensing Board with
11 specialized expertise in the particular working conditions and
12 skill sets relevant to these license categories; and

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14 WHEREAS, the State has a history of protecting the public's
15 health, safety, and welfare through the creation of specialty
16 license boards, such as the Board of Electricians and Plumbers;
17 now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2015, that the Auditor is requested to prepare a
22 report that makes statutory revision recommendations for the
23 creation of a Structural License Board modeled after the Board
24 of Electricians and Plumbers; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
27 include the following in the report:

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29 (1) A feasibility determination for the creation of a
30 Structural Licensing Board;
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32 (2) Suggested amendments or modifications to the practice
33 of issuing C-38 Post tensioning, C-41 Reinforcing
34 steel, C-48 Structural steel, and C-56 Welding
35 licenses;
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37 (3) A brief description of the process the Auditor used in
38 making its findings and recommendations in the report;
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40 (4) The recommendations and information provided by all
41 stakeholders that participated in the process and



1 justifications for why recommendations of stakeholders
2 were included or not in the Auditor's final
3 recommendations; and
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- 5 (5) An estimate of the cost for the creation of a
6 Structural Licensing Board; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor consult with
9 relevant stakeholders, including the Hawaii Iron Workers
10 Stabilization Fund, Hawaii Iron Workers Union Local 625, the
11 Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council, the Contractors
12 License Board, the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, the
13 Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii, and contractors that
14 hold C-38 Post tensioning, C-41 Reinforcing steel, C-48
15 Structural steel, or C-56 Welding licenses; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
18 Bureau is requested to assist the Auditor in preparing the
19 report, including any recommendations for amendments to chapter
20 444, Hawaii Revised Statutes; the Auditor is requested to submit
21 its findings and recommendations, including recommendations for
22 proposed legislation, to the Legislative Reference Bureau no
23 later than November 1, 2015; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
26 submit a final report, including any recommendations for
27 amendments to chapter 444, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the
28 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
29 the Regular Session of 2016; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of Commerce
33 and Consumer Affairs, Acting Director of the Legislative
34 Reference Bureau, Governor, Vice-Chairperson of the Board of
35 Electricians and Plumbers, and Chairperson of the Contractors
36 License Board.
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